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1. WE AGREE THAT GOL ARGUMENTS ARE STRONG FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON IMCO COUNCIL, AND IN PAST USG SYMPATHETICTO GOL
CANDIDACIES IN IMCO BODIES AS WITNESS OUR SUPPORTFOR GOL
IN BOTH COUNCIL AND MSC IN NOV 1973 ASSEMBLY. AS WE
APPROACH NEXT ASSEMBLY IN NOV 1975, USG REMAINS SYMPATHETIC
TO GOL ELECTION TO COUNCIL IN LIGHT LIBERIA'SPLACE IN
WORLD SHIPPING AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONSTOIMCO AS WELL AS
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LIBERIAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IN OTHERFORUMS.WE

CONTINUE IN PRINCIPLE TO FAVOR LIBERIAN MEMBERSHIP ON IMCO COUNCIL, AND WE WOULD ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO SUPPORT LIBERIAN CANDIDACY AT NINTH IMCO ASSEMBLY NEXT NOVEMBER. EMBASSY MAY SO INFORM GOL WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT REMAINS US POLICY AS STATED REF (B) NOT TO GIVE FIRM ADVANCE COMMITMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR ELECTIONS TO BODIES OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

2. AS YET WE DO NOT KNOW WHO ALL RIVAL CANDIDATES WILL BE IN ALL CATEGORIES AND EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FINAL DETERMINATION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AT DATE MUCH CLOSER TO ASSEMBLY. (AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, LIBERIA MAY AGAIN FACE SERIOUS OPPOSITION IN ELECTIONS DUE TO LIBERIAN STATUS AS FLAG OF CONVENIENCE.) DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON ELECTIONS QUESTION AS WE APPROACH FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR ASSEMBLY. KISSINGER

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